IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument ~~as defined in Claim 1~~, comprising:

a tuner body having a display screen to show a pitch of a sound from the music instrument and a difference from a target sound;

a non-contact sensing device that senses sounds from said music instrument through the air, said non-contact sensing device being a microphone;

a contact sensing device that senses sounds from the music instrument by physically contacting with the music instrument, said contact sensing device being a piezoelectric device;

an attachment clip for attaching the music tuner to an object including the music instrument; and

a circuitry to select either said non-contact sensing device or said contact sensing device for processing the sounds from the music instrument;

wherein said non-contact sensing device is mounted on the tuner body and said contact sensing device is mounted on the attachment clip, and wherein said tuner body is detachably connected to the attachment clip ~~having said contact sensing~~

~~device~~, thereby establishing the music tuner having both said non-contact sensing device and said contact sensing device one of which is automatically selected when tuning the music instrument.

4. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein said circuitry automatically selects either said non-contact sensing device or said contact sensing device by comparing an output level of the sensing device with a predetermined threshold level.

5. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein said circuitry selects either said non-contact sensing device or said contact sensing device in response to a manual operation of a switch provided on the music tuner.

6. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein said attachment clip having said contact sensing device is detachable from said tuner body to allow said music tuner to function separately and independently from said attachment clip.

7. (original) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 4, wherein said circuitry selects the contact sensing device for picking the sound of the music instrument when an output level of said contact sensing device is larger than the predetermined threshold level.

8. (original) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 4, wherein said circuitry selects the contact sensing device for picking the sound of the music instrument when an output level of said contact sensing device is larger than the predetermined threshold level, and wherein said circuitry determines whether a predetermined time has passed after the output level of said contact sensing device fell below said predetermined threshold level and selects said non-contact sensing device only if said predetermined time has passed.

9. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein said circuitry collects time period data of the sound of the music instrument detected by said sensing device, determines a fundamental frequency of the sound based on the collected time period data, and causes to display a difference between the fundamental frequency of the sound and a target sound.

10. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein said tuner body is attached to said attachment clip in a manner rotatable in clockwise and counterclockwise directions, and wherein said tuner body is attached to said attachment clip in a manner pivotable in backward and forward directions.

11. (currently amended) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein said display screen displays a measured result of the sound from the music

instrument either by a normal display mode or a mirror display mode, wherein a lower frequency is displayed at a left side of the display screen and a higher frequency is displayed at a right side of the display screen in said normal display mode, while the lower frequency is displayed at the right side of the display screen and the higher frequency is displayed at the left side of the display screen in said mirror display mode.

12. (original) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 11, wherein said display screen displays a measured result of the sound from the music instrument both by said normal display mode and said mirror display mode at the same time.

13. (original) A method of tuning a music instrument by a music tuner having a non-contact sensing device and a contact sensing device to detect a sound from the music instrument, comprising following the steps of:

comparing a signal level from the contact sensing device with a threshold level;

selecting the contact sensing device for measuring the sound of the music instrument when the signal level from the contact sensing device exceeds the threshold level;

selecting the non-contact sensing device for measuring the sound of the music instrument when the signal level from the contact sensing device is smaller than the threshold level for a time longer than a predetermined time period; and

processing the sound of the music instrument from the selected sensing device to detect a fundamental frequency of the sound of the music instrument, and displaying a difference of pitch between the sound from the music instrument and a target sound.

14. (original) A method of tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 13, wherein said step of selecting the non-contact sensing device includes a step of determining whether the predetermined time has passed after the output level of said contact sensing device fell below said predetermined threshold level and selecting said non-contact sensing device only if said predetermined time has passed.

15. (original) A method of tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 13, wherein said step of displaying the difference of pitch includes a step of displaying a measured result of the sound from the music instrument either by a normal display mode or a mirror display mode, wherein a lower frequency is displayed at a left side of the display screen and a higher frequency is displayed at a right side of the display screen in said normal display mode, while the lower frequency is displayed at the right side of the display screen and the higher frequency is displayed at the left side of the display screen in said mirror display mode.

16. (original) A method of tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 15, wherein said step of displaying the difference of pitch includes a step of displaying a measured result of the

sound from the music instrument both by said normal display mode and said mirror display mode at the same time.

17. (new) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 3, further comprising a connection plug provided at said attachment clip, wherein said connection plug establishes a mechanical and electrical connection to said tuner body so that said tuner body is detachable from said connection plug.

18. (new) A music tuner for tuning a music instrument as defined in Claim 17, wherein said tuner body rotates about said connection plug.